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ABSTRACT

Presented in outline form Wyoming's proposed long-range plan includes the following areas of concern: (1) continuation of present services to county libraries; (2) extension of services (to those not served, or served inadequately); (3) improvement of library service (increasing ability to provide service); (4) library training and demonstration (provided to librarians, trustees, county commissioners, and general public); (5) surveys, research and evaluation; (6) strengthening the state library; (7) legislative proposals; and (8) additional plan requirements. (Other State Plans are: LI003985 through LI003993, LI003995 through LI003998, and LI004000 through LI004004.) (Author/NH)

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WYOMING STATE LIBRARY
PROPOSED FIVE YEAR PLAN

I. Continuation of Present Services to County Libraries.

A. Service to the Public.

1. Special purpose grants for demonstration projects or expansion of services.
2. Making or supplying audio-visual materials, including audio and visual cassettes, displays, etc.
3. Consultant service on all aspects of library science.
4. Workshops and meetings to foster public awareness of library needs.
5. Support of other agencies and events such as state and county fairs, Art Council traveling exhibits, etc.
6. Work with the Wyoming Library Association in the continuing effort to strengthen library service in the state.
7. Develop an ongoing public relations program to create an awareness of the value of library service to the citizens of Wyoming.
8. Continue general purpose grants for books and audio-visual material.

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II. Extension of Services (To Those Not Served, Or Served Inadequately).

A. Library Service to the Physically Handicapped (Including the Blind).

1. Building up state collection of large print materials for loan to county libraries and to individuals.

2. Program to locate qualified users of Library Services and Construction Act, Title IV-B.

3. Talking books, made by local volunteers, of materials not available through Library of Congress.

4. Special purpose grants to county libraries.

B. Library Service to Institutions.

1. Set standards for service at the various institutions.

2. Request legislation for the institutional libraries to become branches of the State Library.

3. Continue ongoing training program for institutional librarians.

4. Special purpose grants to state institutions.

C. Library Service to the Disadvantaged.

1. Set criteria for service.

2. Set standards for service.

3. Investigate services to Indian population.

4. Special purpose grants to county libraries to initiate or expand service to disadvantaged.

D. Interlibrary Cooperation Among All Types of Libraries.

1. Adopt statewide standards for interlibrary loan.

2. Continued support of the Bibliographical Center for Research.

3. Continued support of telephone and TWX service.

4. Tie in any library not presently included in interlibrary loan programs.

5. Special purpose grants for demonstration projects.

III. Improvement of Library Service (Increasing Ability to Provide Service).

A. Certification of County Librarians.

1. Set criteria and program for certification.

2. Request legislation to implement proposals.

B. Standards for Statewide Library Service.

1. Survey and evaluation of present guides.

2. Methods of gaining acceptance by county boards, librarians, etc.

3. Cooperation with schools and colleges on standards.

C. State Support for Libraries.

1. Method of support.

a. Grant.

b. Matching funds.

c. Foundation.

2. Form of proposed legislation.

D. Grants In Aid.

1. Priorities in awarding grants.

2. Administration and supervision.

E. Book Catalog.

1. State Library book catalog.

2. State union list of books.

3. County library book catalog.

F. Statewide Library Card.

1. Pilot project.

2. Legislation if required.

G. Establishment of Centralized Collection of Non-Print Materials.

1. Types of materials.

2. Quantity of materials.

IV. Library Training and Demonstration (Provided to Librarians, Trustees, County Commissioners, and General Public).

A. Mobile Materials Laboratory.

1. Type of materials to be placed in it.

2. Use by other libraries.

B. Seminars, Workshops, Demonstrations.

1. Annual listing of proposed workshops.

2. Suggestions for workshops, etc.

C. On the Job Training.

1. Increased use of audio-visual aids in training.

D. Correspondence Courses.

1. Financed by State? County?

2. Type and school.

E. Summer School and Formal Education.

1. Requirements for participation.

a. Work in state or repay.

b. How extensive.

F. Governor's Conference on Libraries.

1. Proposed for September 1972 in Cheyenne.

2. Who shall be invited.

3. Suggestions for the program.

G. Contingent Support of Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE).

1. Move library support from State Library budget to general fund.

2. Annual evaluation to determine benefits.

V. Surveys, Research and Evaluation.

A. Study of State Centralized Purchasing and Processing for Cost Analysis.

1. Set methods and standards.

2. Use local sources.

3. Call in outside consultant.

B. Update of Statewide Library Service (Kee Report).

1. Use local sources.

2. Use outside consulting firm.

C. Annual Evaluation of State Programs by Advisory Council Committee with Aid of State and Outside Consultants.

1. Develop methods of evaluation.

2. Set standards.

D. Determination of Reference Research and Extension Materials to be Housed at the State Library.

1. Survey of present needs.

2. Recommendations for improved service.

VI. Strengthening the State Library.

A. Automation of Centralized Purchasing and Processing (Including Marc II Catalog Cards, etc.).

1. Format.

2. Agreement on standards.

B. Establishment of a Regional Depository Library for Government Documents.

1. Must be done by end of 1973.

2. State Library or University of Wyoming.

C. Continued Purchase of Audio-Visual Materials for Demonstration and Use in Training.

1. Suggestion on types of materials.

D. Work Simplification Study by Systems Analysis.

E. Purchase of Periodicals on Microform.

1. What shall we have.

F. Sabbatical Leave for Staff Professionals.

1. How long.

2. How often.

3. At what pay.

G. Improving Ability to Provide Extension Service.

1. Methods.

2. Additional services.

H. Statewide Purchasing and Cataloging for All Types of Libraries.

1. Standardization of cataloging and processing procedures, i.e., catalog cards, etc.

2. Legislation designating State Library as agent for centralized processing.

3. Cost analysis to determine price on annual basis.

VII. Legislative Proposals.

A. Clean Up Present Law 9-200 to Require Only a Professional Librarian with Experience.

B. Bill to Authorize State Library to Return Any Income to Its Own Use.

C. Bill to Require Certification of County Librarians.

D. Bill to Make Institutional Libraries Branches of the State Library.

E. State Support in Matching Funds for Library Service.

VIII. Additional Plan Requirements.

A. State Agency Set Forth Its Own Criteria on Adequacy of Public Library Service, with Emphasis on Areas of Low-Income Families, i.e., Set Own Statewide Standards.

B. Set Forth the Methods for Evaluation of Projects and Programs Supported by the Act, Including Dissemination of Results.

C. Set Forth Methods for Effective Coordination with Academic Institutions and Schools Which Receive HEA, Title II and ESEA, Title II Grants.

D. Set the Criteria for Allocating Funds to State Institutions and Physically Handicapped.

E. Criteria for Allotting Title II (Construction) Funds.